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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILD CARE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 15, 2003
Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 156A
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Rep. Budak, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Those present included Carole Stein, Kathryn Williams, Natalie Wolfe, Jan Keltz, Theresa Jolivette, and Fred Saylor for Michael Murray.

Rep. Budak requested that Ms. Stein summarize the subcommittee's work. Ms. Stein presented a handout² and emphasized the goal of maximizing the use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) money through participation of businesses in child care financing. She noted the previously discussed proposed pilot project through which Business Partnership Specialists would assist in increasing the number of businesses participating in child care financing to meet the child care needs of the approximately 3200 children who became ineligible for CCDF participation when the eligibility criteria were changed in 2002 to 127% of the federal income poverty level (FPL). Ms. Stein mentioned possible use of federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) high

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² Attachment 1.

performance bonus funds to provide money for a 50%/50% match of public/private funds to increase child care affordability. She also noted the planned business roundtable discussions that are anticipated to be coordinated by Business Partnership Specialists and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce in January, 2004, to aid in determining possible business incentives for child care.

There was general discussion concerning the CCDF waiting list information provided by Beth Eiler of the Bureau of Child Development following the Subcommittee's last meeting. In response to questions concerning the numbers listed for certain counties, Ms. Keltz noted that there have previously been differences in the criteria used by counties to determine inclusion on waiting lists. There was discussion concerning the conversion to a central CCDF reimbursement office and intake with an anticipated result of consistency of waiting list criteria.

There was lengthy discussion concerning: (a) the anticipated roundtable discussions; (b) incentives for businesses to participate in child care, including employer/business tax credits; (c) assisting providers with costs of meeting minimum standards; and (d) possible legislation for the 2004 session of the General Assembly. Ms. Keltz agreed to summarize information concerning successes of other states in providing employer/business tax incentives related to child care. Ms. Stein reported that Mr. Murray and Mr. Saylor will discuss the potential for availability of TANF high performance bonus funds for use in a pilot project.

Patrick Murphy, Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), provided information and discussed DWD's programs and possible involvement related to child care³. He expressed DWD's willingness to be involved in the roundtable discussions. Mr. Murphy responded to questions concerning availability of funding through workforce investment boards and the workforce investment act, and stated that he would investigate availability of funding for child care related expenses and report to the Subcommittee. There was general discussion concerning DWD participation in the roundtable discussions to encourage employer use of DWD programs for their employees.

Rep. Budak emphasized the need for regional roundtable discussions with employers and businesses as soon as possible to allow time for any resulting legislation during the 2004 legislative session. Ms. Jolivet and Ms. Keltz agreed that the earliest such discussions could be organized would be during the first two weeks of December, 2003, and that they would proceed accordingly. There was general discussion concerning the roundtable discussions.

The Subcommittee agreed that the following recommendations should be submitted to the Board for possible inclusion in the Board's 2003 final report:

- (1) Further investigation and followup should occur to obtain information from FSSA concerning the possibility of use of TANF high performance bonus funds as seed money for a pilot child care financing project.
- (2) FSSA should be encouraged to ensure that consistent statewide CCDF waiting list inclusion criteria are developed.
- (3) At least six regional roundtable discussions should occur throughout Indiana to obtain information from employers and businesses concerning incentives for employer/business participation in child care, including tax incentives, with participation of DWD personnel.
- (4) The CCDF minimum standards statutes specifying that criminal history and drug testing requirements are met "at the provider's or individual's expense" should be amended to state that the requirements are met "at no expense to the state".
- (5) Further discussion should occur concerning a possible Indiana income tax form provision allowing a voluntary donation by the taxpayer for child care financing programs.

³Attachment 2.

With no further business to discuss, Rep. Budak adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m.